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Dear Mr. Davis,

In response to your letter regarding records and correspondence pertaining to the challenge and/or removal of materials in school libraries and/or classrooms I have enclosed a copy of our policy for your review. We have had one complaint about a book. Enclosed a copy of the form that was used for the complaint.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Curtis, Superintendent

## INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

**Policy 6241**  
**(Regulation 6241)**  
**(Form 6241)**

### Instruction

#### Challenged Materials

The Board has the ultimate responsibility for establishing the curriculum and for purchasing instructional and/or media materials to be used in the District. While the Board recognizes the right of students to free access to the many different types of books and instructional materials, the Board also recognizes the right of teachers and administrators to select books and other materials in accord with current trends in education and the established curriculum.

It is therefore the policy of the Board to require that books and other instructional materials shall be chosen for values of educational interest and the enlightenment of all students in the community. Instructional materials shall not be excluded on the basis of the writer's racial, nationalistic, political, or religious views. Every effort will be made to provide materials that present all points of view concerning international, national and local problems and issues of our times. Books, or other instructional or media materials of sound factual authority, shall not be prescribed, nor removed from library shelves or classrooms on the basis of partisan or doctrinal approval or disapproval. The Board will strive to provide stimulating, effective materials that will be appropriate to the community's values and the students' abilities and maturity levels.

Instructional or media materials used in the District's educational program consist of various types of print and nonprint materials. Despite the care taken to select those materials deemed to be educationally useful, occasional objections to the selection of instructional materials may be made by the public. However, the principles of academic freedom and the freedom to read must be defended, rather than the materials.

If a challenge is made, it should be properly channeled through guidelines and procedures established by the Board of Education.

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**INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES**

**Form 6241**

**Instruction**

**Challenged Materials**

**REVIEW OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

Type of material (book, film, pamphlet, etc.): book

Title of material: You've Got Blackmail

Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Publisher: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name, address, telephone number: Renee Souder

Do you have a child in the school concerned? yes

Complainant also represents others: \_\_\_\_\_

(organization-name) \_\_\_\_\_

(other group-identify) \_\_\_\_\_

To what part of the material do you object? Cite words, page numbers: boy pretty hand

Why do you object to this material? up a girls shirt  
sexual content

Are you familiar with the range of materials used in the school system on this topic? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you approve of presenting a diversity of points of view about this material in the classroom? \_\_\_\_\_

Should this be withdrawn from all students? Yes ☒ No \_\_\_\_\_

phone call - Renee Souder jc 1-23-12  
Signature of Complainant Date

Please give/send this information to: Jeanne Curtis

Superintendent

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